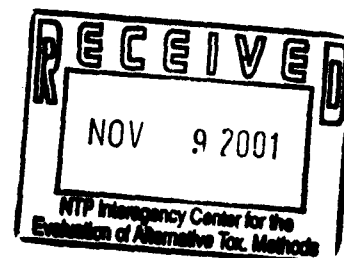


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**Re: REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON IN VITRO
METHODS FOR ASSESSING ACUTE SYSTEMIC TOXICITY**

Dear Dr. Stokes:

We are contacting you to say that the LD50 Test is outdated and barbaric and should be replaced immediately with new non-animal testing methods. Non-animal testing methods are required to undergo extremely strict scientific validation. On the other hand, animal tests have never been proven to be scientifically reliable or relevant to humans.

We are asking that in vitro cell culture tests completely replace the use of animals in lethal dose tests. Until this ideal is reached, we urge that all government agencies currently requiring animal poisoning tests will immediately incorporate the in vitro cell culture method. In the transition, this will reduce the number of animals being tortured and needlessly killed in outdated and unreliable toxicity tests.

Also, the EPA should incorporate the non-animal cell culture method into its HPV chemical program immediately to fulfill its agreement of October, 1999, with animal welfare groups.

Your prompt attention to this important issue will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Larry W. Phillips